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Shu KOBAYASHI : Attorney Docket No. 2006_1191A
Serial No. 10/587,078 : Group Art Unit 1621
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METHOD OF ENANTIOSELECTIVE : **Mail Stop: Amendment**
NUCLEOPHILIC ADDITION REACTION
OF ENAMIDE TO CARBONYL GROUP
AND SYNTHESIS METHOD OF
OPTICALLY ACTIVE α -HYDROXY- γ -KETO
ACID ESTER AND HYDROXYDIKETONE

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Sir:


Referring to page 11 of the Amendment filed December 28, 2007, Applicant is submitting herewith his Declaration confirming that the two other coauthors named in the Matsubara et al. reference did not actually contribute to the invention described in the reference. Accordingly, the reference is not prior art against the present application.

Applicant's attorney left a voicemail message for the Examiner today, indicating that the Declaration would be filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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